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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

The Japanese patent documents listed on the Form PTO-1449 were cited in an April 14, 2009 Office Action in a Japanese patent application that corresponds to the subject application. A copy of the listed Japanese patent documents are attached, along with the English language abstracts. Further, some of the Japanese patent documents appear to correspond to U.S. patent documents that are also listed on the Form PTO-1449, as follows:

Japanese Patent Document	Corresponding U.S. Patent Documents
JP 2004-190032 A	U.S. 2004110865; 2004110867; and 2007037902
JP 2004-149805 A	U.S. 2004085418
JP 7-053841 A	U.S. 5519085
JP 2001-172536A	U.S. 6460987
JP 4-227651 A	U.S. 5202381 and 5252667

Each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to filing this information disclosure statement.

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It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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